

SENATE BILL 1791
By Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 140, relative to emergency medical services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-202, is amended by deleting subdivision (5) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(5) "Emergency medical services" means those health care services that are provided in a hospital emergency facility after the sudden onset of a medical condition that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected by a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, to result in:

- (A) Placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy;
- (B) Serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- (C) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-502, is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) "Emergency medical services," hereinafter referred to as "EMS," means those health care services that are provided in a hospital emergency facility after the sudden

onset of a medical condition that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected by a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, to result in:

- (A) Placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy;
- (B) Serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- (C) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.